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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Uri TASCH, et al.

Serial No.: 09/827,311

Group Art Unit: 3736

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Examiner: B.S. Szmal

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING LAMENESS IN ANIMALS

RULE 1.132 DECLARATION OF PARIMAL G. RAJKONDAWAR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

I, Parimal G. Rajkondawar, declare and say as follows:

1. I expect to receive my Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland Baltimore County in May 2003.
2. I have read, and am familiar with the pending Office Action in the above-identified application, with the response filed herewith, and make this Declaration in support of the patentability thereof.
3. The cited reference to **Rajkondawar** is a publication by myself.
4. I, Parimal G. Rajkondawar, in no way contributed to the inventive steps leading to the invention of the subject matter that is now the subject of U.S. Application No. 09/827,311. Instead, I contributed to the testing and evaluation of the invention developed by Uri Tasch, Alan M. Lefcourt, Mark A. Varner, and Benny Erez under the direction, supervision, and instruction of Uri Tasch, my advisor.


5. I published the cited information on or about March 23, 2001, with the permission of Uri Tasch, following the filing of the U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/207,823, filed on May 30, 2000 by Uri Tasch et al., to highlight my educational background and experience and, preferably solicit and obtain suitable employment upon completion of my doctoral studies in May of 2003.

6. The information published by me and cited by the Examiner did not reflect inventive work on my part, but the inventive work of others (Uri Tasch, Alan M. Lefcourt, Mark A. Varner, and Benny Erez). My participation in the project was confined instead to the testing and evaluation of the invention

7. The information published by Parimal G. Rajkondawar and cited by the Examiner was, in fact, published on or about March 23, 2001, which is after the May 30, 2000, filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/207,823.

8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 02/25/2003



Parimal G. Rajkondawar